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Aubrey House
Notting Hill

Dear Mr May

I write to inform you
that the Ladies Emancipation Society - has
changed its name to 'The London Negro
Aid Society' - we leave out 'Ladies' as
several gentlemen have joined our Society -
amongst others - J. S. Miles M.P. John Hughes M.P.
P. A. Taylor M.P. Professor Jewett M.P.
this is subject of gratulation to me. as
evidence of the utility of our small efforts
Professor Cairnes was appointed President
of our Society - at our last meeting - and
Mr W. Shاعر - Mr Chetwin - & Mr P. A. Taylor
members of the Executive Committee which
meets the first Thursday of the month at Aubrey
House - Miss Frances Power Cobbe. takes the
chair at these meetings - At the last meeting
held Nov^r 2nd - the sum of 40 was voted
to be sent immediately to Boston for the
Freedmen - which sum - Miss Peckham took
for us to Mess^{rs} Gurney for transmission & -
America to your charge - and to expend as
you think most desirable - we are told
upon reliable authority, that it is better
to send money than materials -

I am sorry the sum is so small but ours
is not a rich body - and it is far more
difficult to interest people here - for distant
deeds than for elections nearer home - and
just now - all thought is absorbed by the
late atrocities committed in Jamaica
every large man in England has had his public
meetings to express indignation at the
conduct of Governor Eyre - but this morning
the Gazette publishes the welcome news
that our Government sends out immediately
Sir H. Storks as Governor - and ~~enquiry~~ to be
made into the conduct of Eyre - this is a
great relief to us all - I am most happy
to know that in Madrid, the Ladies there
have established a Society - for the Abolition
of Slavery in Cuba - this is a step for
Spain - I very recently sent over an
address of sympathy - which with the
rest I have sent to the Editor of the A.S.
Standard - as I thought it would have
interest for its readers - We in England
are waiting with anxiety - the course that
Johnson is pursuing - I cannot expect as
soon so - that Emancipation is accomplished
it may be in word - but certainly not in
spirit - the feelings of animosity seem as

stronger if not stronger than ever in the
South - and in the North - prejudice
against color does not seem diminished -
if you could give me more hope - I should be
grateful - I had written thus far - when the
Liberator came - with your admirable
letter in it upon "National Good Faith"
there must be constant and increasing
pressure upon persons, to keep him in
the right - or rather to prevent him from
going far wrong - it is a great evil for
America just at this time - to have a
President with Southern Proclivities -
never perhaps - was our good friends more
needed at the helm than now - we must
have patience and hope - and be satisfied
that the worst is over - the Negro can never
be as much enslaved or dejected - the
struggle has shown him his capabilities -
and the consciousness of capability - will
prevent future degradation - the Dawn
breaks slowly - but it is visible -

Apologizing for troubling you so long

I remain

Yours very truly

Wm. L. Chapin

